## Patent claims

1. The use of cGMP-stimulating compounds producing a pharmaceutical for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases in which an improvement in and/or a cure of a syndrome can be achieved by improving the microcirculation of a which contains tissue a cGMP-metabolizing phosphodiesterase.

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- 2. The use as claimed in claim 1 for producing a pharmaceutical for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of coronary heart disease, cardiac insufficiency, pulmonary hypertension, bladder 15 diseases, prostate hyperplasia, nitrate-induced tolerance or diseases of the eye, for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of central retinal or posterior cilliary arterial occlusion, retinal venous occlusion, optical neuropathy and 20 also macular degeneration and diabetes, and for the treatment of disturbances in the peristalsis of the stomach and esophagus, of female infertility, premature labor, preeclampsia, alopecia, psoriasis, the renal syndrome, cystic 25 fibrosis and/or cancer.
- The use as claimed in claim 1 for producing 3. pharmaceuticals for improving perception, concentration performance and learning performance 30 and/or memory performance, for perception, concentration performance, learning performance and/or memory performance following cognitive disturbances, age-associated learning and memory disturbances, age-associated memory 35 loss, vascular dementia, craniocerebral trauma, stroke, dementia which occurs following strokes (post-stroke dementia), post-traumatic

craniocerebral trauma, general disturbances concentration, concentration disturbances in children suffering from learning and memory problems, vascular dementia, dementia associated Lewy bodies, dementia associated degeneration of the frontal lobes including Pick's syndrome, Parkinson's disease, progressive nuclear palsy, dementia associated with corticobasal amyolateral degeneration, sclerosis (ALS), Huntington's disease, multiple sclerosis, thalamic degeneration, Creutzfeld-Jacob dementia, variant Creutzfeld-Jacob dementia, HIV dementia, schizophrenia associated with dementia Korsakoff's psychosis.

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4. The use as claimed in at least one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that at least one imidazo[1,3,5]triazinone of the general formula (I)

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25 R<sup>1</sup> is straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms,

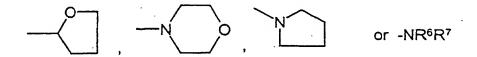
 $R^2$  is straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms or is  $(C_3-C_8)$ -cycloalkyl,

R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen or straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 4 carbon atoms,

 $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are identical or different and are hydrogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy or hydroxyl or are  $(C_1-C_8)$ -alkyl which is optionally substituted, up to 3 times, identically or differently, by hydroxyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy or radicals of the formulae

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in which

15  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,

and/or, for its part,  $(C_1-C_8)$ -alkyl is optionally substituted by phenyl or phenoxy which, for their part, are optionally substituted, once to three times, identically or differently, by halogen, hydroxyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl or a radical of the formula  $-SO_2NR^8R^9$ ,

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in which

 $R^8$  and  $R^9$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,

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or

R4 is hydrogen or methyl

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## $R^5$ is radicals of the formulae

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is phenyl which is optionally substituted, up to 3 times, identically or differently, by halogen, acetyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkoxy or radicals of the formulae

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in which

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 $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl,

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 $R^{12}$  and  $R^{13}$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl,

or

 $\mbox{R}^4$  and  $\mbox{R}^5,$  together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, are radicals of the formulae

$$-N$$
 $R^{14}$ 
or  $-N$ 
 $R^{15}$ 

in which

 $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are identical or different and are hydroxyl, hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl,

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R<sup>14</sup> is hydrogen .

and

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R<sup>15</sup> is a radical of the formula



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- $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  together form a radical of the formula =N-O-CH<sub>3</sub>,
- $R^{16}$  is hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl, or

is a 5- to 6-membered, aromatic heterocycle having up to 3 hetero atoms from the series, S, N and/or O,

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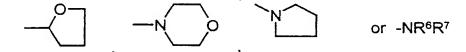
and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts, N-oxides and isomeric forms thereof is/are employed as (a) cGMP-stimulating compound(s).

30 5. The use as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that compounds of the general formula (I)

in which

35  $R^1$  is methyl or ethyl,

- $R^2$  is straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 3 carbon atoms or is  $(C_3-C_6)$ -cycloalkyl,
- 5 R<sup>3</sup> is straight-chain or branched alkyl having up to 3 carbon atoms,
- $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are identical or different and are hydrogen,  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy or hydroxyl or are  $(C_1-C_7)$ -alkyl which is optionally substituted, up to 3 times, identically or differently, by hydroxyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy or radicals of the formulae



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 ${\bf R}^6$  and  ${\bf R}^7$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or methyl,

and/or, for its part,  $(C_1-C_7)$ -alkyl is optionally substituted by phenyl or phenoxy which, for their part, are optionally substituted, once to three times, identically or differently, by fluorine, chlorine, hydroxyl,  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy or  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl or by a radical of the formula  $-SO_2NH_2$ ,

30 R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or methyl,

or

and

 $R^5$  is radicals of the formulae

or

is phenyl which is optionally substituted, up to 3 times, identically or differently, by fluorine, chlorine, acetyl or  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkoxy or by radicals of the formulae

in which

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 $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or methyl,

15 R<sup>12</sup> and R<sup>13</sup> are identical or different and are hydrogen or methyl,

or

20 R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup>, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, are radicals of the formulae

$$-N$$
 $R^{14}$ 
 $-N$ 
 $N-R^{16}$  or  $-N$ 

in which

 $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are identical or different and are hydroxyl, hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkyl which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl,

or

R<sup>14</sup> is hydrogen

and

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R<sup>15</sup> is a radical of the formula



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 $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  together form a radical of the formula =N-O-CH<sub>3</sub>,

- 15  $R^{16}$  is hydrogen or  $(C_1-C_5)$ -alkyl which is optionally substituted by hydroxyl, or is pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furyl, pyrryl or thienyl,
- and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts, N-oxides and isomeric forms thereof are employed as cGMP-stimulating compounds.
- 6. The use as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that compounds of the general formula (I)

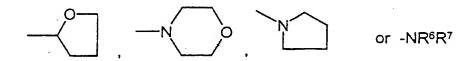
in which

R<sup>1</sup> is methyl or ethyl,

- R<sup>2</sup> is n-propyl or cyclopentyl,
- R<sup>3</sup> is methyl, ethyl or n-propyl,
- 35  $R^4$  and  $R^5$  are identical or different and are hydrogen,  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkoxy or hydroxyl or are

 $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl which is optionally substituted, up to 3 times, identically or differently, by hydroxyl or  $(C_1-C_3)$ -alkoxy or by radicals of the formulae

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in which

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 $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or methyl,

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and/or, for its part,  $(C_1-C_6)$ -alkyl optionally substituted by phenyl or phenoxy which, for their part, are optionally substituted, once to three times, identically or differently, by fluorine, hydroxyl or methoxy or by a radical of the formula -SO2NH2,

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or

R4 is hydrogen or methyl

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and

R<sup>5</sup> is radicals of the formulae

$$S=0$$
 or  $N$ 

is phenyl which is optionally substituted, up to 3 times, identically or differently, by fluorine, acetyl or methoxy or by radicals of the formulae

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in which

10  $R^{10}$  and  $R^{11}$  are identical or different and are hydrogen or methyl,

 ${\ensuremath{R^{12}}}$  and  ${\ensuremath{R^{13}}}$  are methyl,

15 or

 $R^4$  and  $R^5$ , together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, are radicals of the formulae

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in which

 $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  are identical or different and are hydroxyl or hydrogen or a radical of the formula  $-(CH_2)_2-OH$ ,

or

30  $R^{14}$  is hydrogen

and

R<sup>15</sup> is a radical of the formula

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 $R^{14}$  and  $R^{15}$  together form a radical of the formula =N-O-CH<sub>3</sub>,

10  $R^{16}$  is hydrogen, pyrimidyl or a radical of the formula  $-(CH_2)_2-OH$ 

and the salts, hydrates, hydrates of the salts, Nooxides and isomeric forms thereof are employed as cGMP-stimulating compounds.

- 7. A pharmaceutical for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of diseases in which an improvement in and/or a cure of a syndrome can be achieved by improving the microcirculation of a tissue which contains a cGMP-metabolizing phosphodiesterase, which pharmaceutical comprises at least one cGMP-stimulating compound.
- 25 pharmaceutical for the treatment and/or prophylaxis of coronary heart disease, insufficiency, pulmonary hypertension, bladder diseases, prostate hyperplasia, nitrate-induced tolerance or diseases of the eye, for 30 treatment and/or prophylaxis of central retinal or posterior cilliary arterial occlusion, retinal venous occlusion, optical neuropathy and of macular degeneration and diabetes, and for the treatment of disturbances of the peristalsis of 35 the stomach and esophagus, of female infertility,

premature labor, preeclampsia, alopecia, psoriasis, the renal syndrome, cystic fibrosis and/or cancer, which pharmaceutical comprises at least one cGMP-stimulating compound.

- 9. pharmaceutical for Α improving perception, concentration performance, learning performance and/or memory performance, for improving perception, concentration performance, learning 10 performance and/or memory performance following cognitive disturbances, age-associated learning and memory disturbances, age-associated memory loss, vascular dementia, craniocerebral trauma, stroke, dementia which occurs after strokes (post-15 stroke dementia), post-traumatic craniocerebral trauma, general disturbances of concentration, concentration disturbances in children suffering from and learning memory problems, vascular dementia, dementia associated with Lewy bodies, 20 dementia associated with degeneration frontal lobes including Pick's syndrome, Parkinson's disease, progressive nuclear palsy, dementia associated with corticobasal degeneration, amyolateralsclerosis Huntington's disease, multiple sclerosis; thalamic 25 degeneration, Creutzfeld-Jacob dementia, variant Creutzfeld-Jacob dementia, HIV dementia, schizophrenia associated with dementia Korsakoff's psychosis, which pharmaceutical 30 comprises at least one cGMP-stimulating compound.
  - 10. A pharmaceutical as claimed in one of claims 7 to 9 which comprises, as cGMP-stimulating compound, at least one compound as defined in claims 4 to 6.